
OCL Update



To: Community Representatives

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NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY LIAISON

Summer used to be a quiet time on campus and in the community. Over the past several years, however, we have found that summer is an ideal time at NIH to invite our neighbors in for recreation and education.

In the following pages, you'll find that August is enriched by the several film festivals offered at NIH. The Outdoor Film Festival is pure entertainment made guilt-free by also benefitting NIH charities. Science in the Cinema is hailed as one of the more unique approaches to helping the public understand biomedical research and its implications for health promotion and disease prevention.

If you are here in August, don't neglect these events. They are exciting and enriching, and NIH takes great pleasure in sponsoring them for the community's enjoyment.

The Community Liaison Council takes a break in August but will resume its work in September. We anticipate that the 2000 Bethesda Campus Master Plan Update will consume much of the Council's attention in the coming months. Again, if you are interested in participating with the Council on the master plan process, please call me or Ginny Miller, Council Co-Chair, to express your interest.

Don't forget to reserve October 21 on your calendars for the third annual Community Health Forum. We are partnering with the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services to provide even more health information for you and your families.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

The Community Liaison Council (CLC) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, September 21, at 4:00 p.m.** in Conference Room D of the Natcher Conference Center (Building 45) on the NIH campus. No meeting will be held in August.

NIH CAMPUS NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Free Outdoor Film Festival Begins This Month

Don't miss the return of the ever popular 4th Annual Outdoor Film Festival this month at NIH, bringing the public 10 evenings of free classic films. From Friday, August 18, 2000, to Sunday, August 27, 2000, the community can watch great movies each night at 8:30 p.m. under the stars on the grounds of the NIH campus between the Metro station and Building 16.

There is no need to bring food. Several local area restaurants will provide dinner, dessert, and fresh popcorn. All of the proceeds will benefit NIH charities. Festival food includes sandwiches, salads, and hot grilled entrees from Eatzi's Market & Bakery; three types of chili (including vegetarian) and hot dogs from the Hard Times Café of Bethesda; pizza and salad from Potomac Pizza; George's Famous BBQ; and popcorn, soft drinks, pretzels, ice cream, candy, and more.

Bring the family to this popular outdoor picnic at NIH, and help raise money for the Children's Inn, Camp Fantastic/Special Love, and the Friends of the Clinical Center. Food and drink tickets will be sold onsite for \$1 each. Restaurants open at 7 p.m., and movies begin at 8:30 p.m. each evening. The movie schedule is as follows:

August 18	<i>Crocodile Dundee</i>
August 19	<i>Goldfinger</i>
August 20	<i>My Fair Lady</i>
August 21	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>
August 22	<i>Rear Window</i>
August 23	<i>Mission Impossible</i>
August 24	<i>Rain Man</i>
August 25	<i>Casablanca</i>
August 26	<i>Grease</i>
August 27	<i>City Slickers</i>

For more information or for reasonable accommodations, call the NIH Recreation and Welfare Association at 301-496-6061, or visit the festival's Web site at <http://www.filmfestnih.org>.

NIH Master Planner Serras-Fiotes Promoted

Congratulations to NIH Master Planner and Community Liaison Council (CLC) member Stella Serras-Fiotes. She was promoted to the new position of Assistant Director for Facilities Planning, Office of Facilities Planning (OFP), Office of Research Services (ORS) at NIH. "Ms. Serras-Fiotes will lead the OFP in developing policies and procedures associated with facilities planning and space administration," said Steve Ficca, Associate Director for Research Services, ORS.

In her new position, Serras-Fiotes and her staff will work with the NIH leadership to develop, coordinate, and monitor a short- and long-term facilities strategy within the framework of the overall NIH building, space, and facilities plan. She also will work with the NIH Office of Community Liaison to play a "lead role" in local community outreach activities. Other responsibilities include managing the NIH Master Facilities Plan, coordinating an NIH strategic facilities plan, and planning transportation management and parking program activities.

"Ms. Serras-Fiotes brings a wealth of experience with her to the new OFP, and I am confident that she is well-qualified to meet the challenges of this very important position," Ficca said. Serras-Fiotes previously served as NIH Master Planner in the Facilities Planning Section of the Division of Engineering Services.

FAES Graduate School Begins This Fall

The Foundation for the Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) has announced its fall schedule of graduate courses. Classes will begin on September 18, 2000 and will run through January 12, 2000. Courses, which are offered in the evening on the NIH campus, are open to NIH staff as well as the general public. A wide variety of topics areas are covered, including biochemistry and biophysics, biology and genetics, biotechnology, chemistry and physics, computer science, imaging sciences, immunology and microbiology, languages, medicine and physiology, pharmacology and toxicology, psychiatry and psychology, statistics, and general interest courses.

August 31, 2000 is the last day for mail-in registration, and walk-in registration will be available September 6–12, 2000. Tuition is \$100 per credit hour. Class schedules are available in the graduate school office in Building 60, Suite 230, in the foundation bookstore in Building 10, Room B1L101, and in the business office in Building 10, Room B1C18. The schedule is also available online at <http://www.faes.org>. For more information, visit the FAES Web site or call 301-496-7976.

NIH Appoints Dr. Kramer to Head Office of Medical Applications and Research

In June, NIH Acting Director Ruth Kirschstein, M.D., appointed Barnett Kramer, M.D., M.P.H., as the new director of NIH's Office of Medical Applications and Research (OMAR). "Dr. Kramer has a distinguished record of leadership at the NIH, and we are delighted that he is taking the helm at OMAR," said Dr. Kirschstein. As a "seasoned" scientist, clinician, and administrator, Dr. Kirschstein said Dr. Kramer will provide OMAR with "innovative thinking" and "strong managerial skills."

As director of OMAR, Dr. Kramer will oversee efforts to translate the results of biomedical research into knowledge that can be used in providing health services. He also will be responsible for the coordination and management of the NIH Consensus Development Program. Under this program, OMAR organizes major conferences on controversial public health issues.

Prior to his appointment, Dr. Kramer served as the deputy director of the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Division of Cancer Prevention. He is also the current editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* and is a clinical professor in the Department of Medicine of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

A graduate of the University of Maryland Medical School in 1973, Dr. Kramer completed his residency in internal medicine at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. He is board-certified in internal medicine and medical oncology, and he received a master's degree in public health in 1991 from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health.

NIH Continues Its Science in the Cinema Film Festival This Month

The seventh annual NIH Science in the Cinema film festival continues into August, bringing the community great movies followed by expert speakers. Sponsored by the NIH Office of Science Education, this free event showcases several feature films with different medical or science-related themes. Following each movie, a guest speaker with expertise in the film's subject area will comment on the science depicted in the film and answer questions from the audience. The movies begin at 7 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) and will be held in the Main Auditorium of the Natcher Conference Center in Building 45 on the NIH campus. The tentative program schedule is as follows:

August 3	<i>Good Will Hunting</i>
August 10	<i>Yellow Jack</i>
August 17	<i>Girl, Interrupted</i>
August 24	<i>Not As A Stranger*</i>

**Not As A Stranger* will begin at 6:30 p.m. due to the length of the film.

No registration is required, and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Complete descriptions of the films, proposed speakers, directions, and parking information are available at the festival's Web site at:

<http://scienceeducation.nih.gov/cinema>.

For more information, call Jennifer Kostiuk at 301-496-1727.

Speak Confidently

Summer is an excellent time to concentrate on self-improvement. In as few as three one-hour private sessions with public speaking coach Audrey Georges, one can make significant progress in speaking confidently. For more information or for costs, call the Recreation and Welfare Association at 301-496 4600 and leave a message.

NIH Blood Bank Appeals for Donations

NIH continues to experience a shortage of blood donations. The NIH Blood Bank currently needs all blood types. Call 301-496-1048 or stop by the Department of Transfusion Medicine in Building 10, the Clinical Center, 1st floor, Room 1C713B.

Bethesda Educator and OCL Partner, Cynthia Clarke, Dies of Cancer

The NIH Office of Community Liaison (OCL) will miss Cynthia S. Clarke, who died of ovarian cancer this past July at the young age of 51. Clarke, a dedicated 15-year veteran educator at Bethesda-Chevy Chase (BCC) High School, worked with the OCL on the BCC Partnership Program. This program, which she helped found, partnered high school students with local businesses, government organizations, and nonprofit agencies to provide internship and mentoring opportunities.

As the program's director for the past seven years, Clarke loved her work and placed more than 100 students annually in NIH laboratory shadowing opportunities. "Ms. Clarke was someone who we admired and found truly dedicated to her profession," said OCL Director Janyce N. Hedetniemi. "We will miss her very much."

NIH actively participated with Clarke in the partnership program for the past four years. In 1999, NIH hosted 112 students as part of this unique program, allowing students to shadow physicians and researchers according to their particular interests. Students not only learned what it was like to work in various NIH research fields, but also gained valuable contacts and information on NIH career and training opportunities.

ORWH Hosts College Students to Encourage Interest in Science

The NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) hosted college students from across the country this summer to encourage women and minorities to pursue scientific careers. In June,



Students listening to a presentation by Dr. Kevin Gardner, National Cancer Institute, NIH.



Dr. Christine Winston (left), Coordination Director for Howard's MGE program, and students tour the Clinical Center Laboratory.

approximately 30 students taking part in the Howard University Minority Graduate Education (MGE) program visited NIH to hear scientific presentations, to learn about educational and scientific opportunities at NIH, and to tour the Clinical Center. Howard University officials said the goal of the MGE program is to increase the development of post-doctoral recipients in science, mathematics, and engineering.

"It is very rewarding to be able to provide an opportunity for bright and accomplished students, such as those in the Howard program, to learn about biomedical research and the work of outstanding minority scientists, such as we have here at NIH," said ORWH Director Vivian W. Pinn, M.D. Students met several NIH women and minority scientists, such as NIH Acting Deputy Director Yvonne Maddox, Ph.D. and Anthony René, Ph.D., assistant director of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, who have achieved successful careers in research science.

Kay Johnson Graham, a minority health outreach coordinator who works on this initiative, said NIH

participates in the summer program to help students become more competitive for the school year. "We recognize our future will rely on people that are innovative and intellectually prepared in the sciences," she said.

This program is one of many outreach initiatives that ORWH supports. Dr. Pinn recently spoke at her alma mater, the University of Virginia School of Medicine, as part of its Medical Academic Advancement Program to encourage similar achievements among women and minorities. This work is meaningful for Dr. Pinn since she was the only woman and only minority in her 1967 graduating class.

NIH Begins 2000–2001 Faces & Phases of Life Seminar Series

The NIH Work and Family Life Center, in conjunction with the Employee Assistance Program has announced its 2000–2001 Faces & Phases of Life seminar series. The program, which begins in September and runs through June, offers free seminars to help NIH employees, as well as the public, balance the increasing demands of the workplace, career interests, family, and personal life responsibilities. Typically, four seminars are offered each month on the NIH campus and feature a variety of topics. The tentative schedule for September is:

September 6	Quality of Work Life at NIH 12:30–1:30 p.m. Building 31, Room 6C6
September 13	The Basics of Balancing Work and Family 12:30–2:30 p.m. Building 31, Room 6C6
September 22	Communicating Effectively: Starting from Scratch noon–2 p.m. Building 1, Wilson Hall
September 27	Helping Your Child Apply to College 10–11:30 a.m. Building 31, Room 6C10

For more information, to pre-register, or for reasonable accommodations, call 301-435-1619.

NIH Announces the 2000 Medicine for the Public Lecture Series

For almost 25 years, NIH has been bringing its cutting edge scientific research to the local community through its Medicine for the Public Lecture series. The series, which begins in September, features NIH physicians and scientists working at the forefront of medical research. The lectures are free and open to the public and are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in NIH's Masur Auditorium of the Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center (Building 10). For more information, call 301-496-2563. The lecture schedule is as follows:

September 19	New Directions for Organ and Tissue Transplantation <i>by Dr. Allan D. Kirk, Chief, Transplantation Section, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases</i>
September 26	Adolescents and AIDS: Millennium Milestones <i>by Dr. Lauren Wood, Senior Clinical Investigator, HIV & AIDS Malignancy Branch, National Cancer Institute</i>
October 3	Dangerous Liaisons: Drugs and Herbs <i>by Dr. Stephen Piscitelli, Coordinator and Dr. Aaron Burstein, Pharmacokineticist, Clinical Pharmacokinetics Research Laboratory, Pharmacy Department, NIH Clinical Center</i>
October 10	Stroke: Rapid Diagnosis, New Treatments <i>by Dr. Steven Warach, Chief, Section on Stroke Diagnostics and Therapeutics, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke</i>
October 17	Women's Health Research for the 21st Century <i>by Dr. Vivian Pinn, Director, Office of Research on Women's Health</i>
October 24	Prostate Cancer <i>by Dr. Marston Linehan, Chief, Urologic Oncology Branch, National Cancer Institute</i>

Fresh Produce and Seafood Available at Farmers' Market on NIH Campus

Summer brings a host of fresh fruit, vegetables, baked items, and flowers to NIH. Every Tuesday from now until late October, the Montgomery County Farmers' Market Association offers a bountiful selection of goods from nearby farms. The market is available from 2 to 6 p.m. in NIH's Parking Lot 41B, near the tennis courts. The farmers who sell at the NIH market grow everything themselves, except for a few who purchase from other farms, and some stands feature chemical-free produce. Participating farmers for the 2000 season include Pheasant Hill Farm, Marvelous Market, Farmhouse Flowers & Plants, Whispering Meadows Farm, Wellspring Gardens, Thornbrook Farm & Botanicals, Welsh's Produce, Avian Mead, Red Wiggler Foundation, Broad Run Farm, Stoney Castle Farms, Wildcat Farms, and Licking Creek Bend. For more information about the farmers' market or for a map, visit <http://www.montgomeryfarmersmkt.com/bethesda.html>.

Additionally, Reid Orchard and the Salt River Lobster truck bring fresh produce and seafood to NIH's lot 41B every Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. all year long.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 1

2000 Summer Lecture Series for Students on Domestic Health Disparities: *Allergy and Asthma: Efforts to Solve an Expanding Health Problem* by Juan Rivera, Ph.D., Senior Investigator, Arthritis and Rheumatism Branch, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, NIH, noon–1 p.m., Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, free and open to the public. For more information or special accommodations, call 301-496-2427.

Summer Sounds Concert Series: *Chris Dudley & Mythology*, jazz & funk, 7:30 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-530-0540 or visit <http://www.strathmore.org>.

August 3

World Beats Concert Series: *Hanuslori*, Korean percussion, 7:30 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-530-0540 or visit <http://www.strathmore.org>.

Silver Spring Swings: Summer Concert Series: *El Sabor*, salsa, 7 p.m., corner of Georgia Ave. and Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-565-7300.

August 4

Web TV Discussion, 2–3 p.m., Bethesda Senior Source, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 301-951-1990.

August 5

Looking at Art with David Tannous: *Tour of outdoor sculptures*, 10:30 a.m., (rain date August 12), Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-530-0540 or visit <http://www.strathmore.org>.

August 8

Summer Sounds Concert Series: *Tree Surgeons*, acoustic free-style beat, 7:30 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-530-0540 or visit <http://www.strathmore.org>.

The Wright Stuff, an aerodynamic program presented by the Maryland Science Center for children in grades 1 to 6, 7–8 p.m., Davis Community Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, free and open to the public. Pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register, call 301-897-2200.

August 10

World Beats Concert Series: *Jay Kishor*, East Indian, 7:30 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-530-0540 or visit <http://www.strathmore.org>.

Silver Spring Swings: Summer Concert Series: *Cornell Gunter's The Coasters*, Motown, 7 p.m., corner of Georgia Ave. and Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-565-7300.

Suburban Hospital Community Health Seminar: *Bye-Bye Back Pain* by Dr. Yolanda Roth, 1 p.m., Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive, Rockville, free and open to the public. Call 301-309-3050 to register.

August 11
Go for the Glory, track meet featuring .25 and .5 mile young runs at 7 p.m., and metered races at 7:15 p.m., part of the Montgomery County Road Runners Club Championship and Junior Participation series, Watkins Mill High School, 10301 Apple Ridge Rd., Gaithersburg, \$5 (free for Montgomery County Road Runners). Register onsite. For more information, call 301-353-0200 or visit <http://www.mcrrc.org>.

August 14
Music in the Library: *Lyle Link and friends*, jazz concert, 7 p.m., Kensington Park Community Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-897-2211.

August 15
Davis Community Library Parent Workshop Series: *When Your Child Doesn't Want to Go Back to School*, 7:30–9 p.m., Davis Library, 6400 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda, free and open to public. Registration is requested. For more information or to register, call Bethesda Youth Services at 301-229-1347.

Summer Sounds Concert Series: *Gumbo Junkyard*, Zydeco/New Orleans R&B, 7:30 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-530-0540 or visit <http://www.strathmore.org>.

August 16
Suburban Hospital Community Health Seminar: *Advances in Cosmetic Surgery* by Dr. Donald Stepita, 1 p.m., Friendship Heights Community Center, 4433 S. Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, free and open to the public. Call 301-896-3939 to register.

August 17
Free Blood Pressure Screening, by a registered nurse, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Kensington Park Community Library, 4201 Knowles Avenue, Kensington, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-897-2211.

World Beats Concert Series: *Whirligig*, Celtic, 7:30 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center,

10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-530-0540 or visit <http://www.strathmore.org>.

Silver Spring Swings: Summer Concert Series: *Powerhouse*, R&B/swing, 7 p.m., corner of Georgia Ave. and Ellsworth Dr., Silver Spring, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-565-7300.

August 22
Summer Sounds Concert Series: *Daniel Heifetz on violin and Buddy Wachter on banjo*, classical, folk, and country, 7:30 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-530-0540 or visit <http://www.strathmore.org>.

August 23
Bethesda Senior Source Foreign Movie Series: *Nosferatu*, 2–4 p.m., Bethesda Senior Source, 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, \$4 (free for members). Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 301-951-1990.

August 24
World Beats Concert Series: *CAJE (Caribbean Art Jazz Ensemble)*, calypso, salsa, and reggae, 7:30 p.m., Strathmore Hall Arts Center, 10701 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-530-0540 or visit <http://www.strathmore.org>.

OTHER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

The 52nd Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Opens in Gaithersburg

Montgomery County is once again holding its annual Agricultural Fair August 11–19, 2000, at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center in Gaithersburg. The fair promises nine days of exciting, fact-filled exhibits, demonstrations, animals, entertainment, carnival rides, games, arts and crafts, food, and more.

“Agriculture affects everyone’s lives, and we are proud to help tell its story,” says JoAnne Leatherman, executive director of the Montgomery County Agricultural Center, Inc.

“One of the purposes of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is to provide education for fair patrons on where their food and fiber come from.” To help do this, festival organizers have planned a variety of educational activities for the entire family centered around two central themes—the year of the horse and the year of home arts.

To celebrate the year of the horse, the fair will highlight the growth of the horse industry in Montgomery County through featured equestrian shows and competitions. Some of these events include a draft horse and mule show, pony club competitions, therapeutic riding demonstrations, a miniature horse show, and jumping and dressage events. Educational horse demonstrations, such as equine dentistry and shoeing, will also be held.

The year of home arts will also be highlighted. “Babies in the New Millennium” was selected by festival organizers as the sub-theme to illustrate home arts. Hand-made baby items will be judged and donated to three area hospitals. In addition, mothers who have the first baby in August at each of the hospitals will be offered a bassinet of donated baby items.

As in previous years, a variety of demonstrations, shows, and entertainment will be featured in the Grandstand stadium. A tentative schedule with times, costs, and shows is listed below:

August 11	8 p.m.	Lila McCann Country music artist Free with gate admission
August 12	8 p.m.	Grupo Manikkomio in Concert Free with gate admission
August 13	8 a.m.	Maryland Draft Horse and Mule Show Free with gate admission
	7 p.m.	Horse Pull Competition Free with gate admission
August 14	7:30 p.m.	Semi-truck and Tractor Pull Adults: \$5, Children 7 and under: \$1
August 15	7 p.m.	Figure 8 Demolition Derby Adults: \$5, Children 7 and under: \$1

August 16	7 p.m.	“Battle of the Beast” Rodeo Adults: \$12, Children (6–12): \$6, Children (under 6): free
August 17	7 p.m.	“Battle of the Beast” Rodeo Adults: \$12, Children (6–12): \$6, Children (under 6): free
August 18	7 p.m.	Auto Extrication Demonstration Free with gate admission
	8 p.m.	Demolition Derby Adults: \$10, Children 7 and under: \$1
August 19	9 a.m.	Antique Tractor Pull Free with gate admission
	2 p.m.	Lawn & Garden Tractor Pull Free with gate admission
	7 p.m.	Auto Extrication Demonstration Free with gate admission
	8 p.m.	Demolition Derby Adults: \$10, Children 7 and under: \$1

The fair hours are from 3 p.m. to midnight on August 11 and from 8 a.m. to midnight each day thereafter. On August 12–19, the carnival will begin at 10 a.m.; on August 11 it will begin at 3 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and free for children age 7 and under on August 11 and 12. From August 13 to 19, fair admission is \$5 for adults and free for children age 7 and under. Parking is \$2. For more information, call 301-926-3100 or visit <http://www.mcagfair.com>.

Suburban Hospital Announces Second Breast Cancer Symposium

Suburban Hospital announced that it will hold its second annual breast cancer symposium, *Living with Breast Cancer: Finding Balance*, on Saturday, September 9, 2000. This year’s event features a keynote presentation by Ernestine Schlant Bradley, Ph.D., breast cancer survivor and advocate, professor, author, and wife of former senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ). The half-day conference will focus on helping current cancer patients and survivors achieve balance in their lives. Session topics include menopause, nutrition, exercise, workplace issues, spirituality and hope, late effects of treatment, and fear of recurrence. For more information or a registration brochure, call 301-896-3939.

Thérèse Raquin Opens at Olney Theatre This Month

This month, the Olney Theatre Center for the Arts presents Neal Bell's acclaimed 1997 adaptation of Emile Zola's classic gothic novel, *Thérèse Raquin*. Opening on August 22, 2000, and continuing through September 24, 2000, this passionate story of a young woman in 19th-century Paris tells the tale of a repressed wife who conspires with her lover to kill her husband. Show times are at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Sunday; at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday; and at 2 p.m. for selected matinees in the Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab. Tickets are \$25 to \$32. For reservations or more information, call the Olney Theatre Center box office at 301-924-3400 or visit <http://www.olneytheatre.org>.

Snakebit Kicks Off Roundhouse Theatre's 2000-2001 Season

Join the Roundhouse Theatre for the Washington area premiere of *Snakebit* by David Marshall Grant, the first of five plays offered by the theatre for its 2000-2001 season. A smash hit off-Broadway last season, this comedy uses clever dialogue and surprising plot twists to tell the story of a friendship in crisis. *Snakebit* opens on September 6, 2000, and runs through October 1, 2000 on the Mainstage at the Roundhouse Theatre in Silver Spring. The complete series, which offers theater-goers everything from musicals to thought-provoking drama to comedy, is listed below:

September 6 – October 1, 2000	<i>Snakebit</i>
October 25 – November 19, 2000	<i>You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown</i>
January 17 – February 11, 2001	<i>Woman In Mind</i>
March 14 – April 8, 2001	<i>Crumbs from the Table of Joy</i>
May 30 – June 24, 2001	<i>Shakespeare, Moses, & Joe Papp</i>

Ticket prices range from \$85 to \$125 for the series or from \$10 to \$28 per play. For more information or to order tickets, call 301-933-1644 or visit <http://www.round-house.org>.

New Adventure Theatre Program Begins This Month at Glen Echo Park

Still looking for something for the kids to do this summer? Why not visit Glen Echo Park and enjoy some Adventure Theatre for children? The Adventure Theatre, which has been providing theater programs for children and their families for almost 50 years, concludes its 1999–2000 season with *My Emperor's New Clothes*. Beginning August 5, 2000, and continuing through September 10, 2000, a musical version of Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale will be retold by Larry Shue. Tickets are \$5 for adults and children, and show times are at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Reservations are suggested. For more information or for tickets, call 301-320-5331.

Discover Art Along the Discovery Trail in Downtown Bethesda

Take advantage of the warm summer weather to explore Bethesda's Discovery Trail—a virtual outdoor contemporary art gallery. Collect one of Bethesda's Discover Art brochures to guide your journey through more than 20 outdoor sculpture and public art spaces. Begin with the well-known, yellow twist sculpture (*Beacon 1*) at Bethesda Metro Center and conclude the trail at the Bethesda Elementary School with the lesser-known *Discovery*—a bronze sculpture by Susan Luery and 45 fifth graders. For more information or to receive a Discover Art brochure, call the Bethesda Urban Partnership at 301-215-6660.



Beacon 1 twists to life at Bethesda Metro Center.

Free Shuttle Runs Through Downtown Bethesda

Don't forget to take advantage of the free Bethesda 8 Shuttle, which still runs every eight minutes, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. throughout downtown Bethesda. Free posters and wallet-sized cards with the route, times, and pick-up/drop-off locations are available from the Bethesda Urban Partnership by calling 301-215-6660 or by printing out the information from its Web site at <http://www.bethesda.org>.

TRY THIS WEB SITE: <http://nhic-nt.health.org>

The National Health Information Center (NHIC) is a health information referral service that connects health professionals and consumers to organizations that can provide answers to their health-related questions. Established in 1979 by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the NHIC Web site provides the public with direct access to a database of health-related organizations and government offices, a listing of federal health information centers and clearinghouses, access to toll-free telephone numbers for health information on approximately 100 topics, a variety of health-related publications, and links to additional sites for more information. For more information, consumers can call 301-565-4167 (in Maryland) or 1-800-336-4797, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Interpreters Sought

The Clinical Center Volunteer Office is in need of in-house language interpreters to serve as back-ups when others are not available. The interpreters would assist patients and their families who are not fluent in English. Speakers of Arabic, French, Portuguese, and Creole are particularly needed. To help, call Andrea Rander at 301-496-1807.

Postmenopausal Women Wanted for Blood Study

Doctors at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) seek post-menopausal women (not currently taking hormone replacement therapy) to take part in a study. Participants will be required to give a small sample of blood (about 2 tablespoons) in an initial screening. Total visit time required is approximately 30 to 45 minutes. The study does not require you to take any new medications and takes place at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda (with free parking). The study involves only a blood sample, and there is no age limitation. NIH will pay participants \$50 for each blood draw. For more information, please call 301-496-5150.

Perimenopause, Midlife Depression Study Subjects Needed

The Behavioral Endocrinology Branch at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is looking for women and men between 40 and 65 who are experiencing lack of pleasure or motivation, feelings of sadness or feeling "flat," anxiety, irritability, difficulty coping, or decreased sexual interest. Eligible participants for studies involving DHEA (a natural hormone that decreases with age) will receive free laboratory screening and evaluation, bone density testing, and transportation assistance, if needed. To be eligible, participants must be medication free and in good physical health. For more information, call Linda Simpson-St. Clair at 301-496-9576.

Healthy Married Men and Women Sought

The Pediatrics and Developmental Neuropsychiatry Branch at NIMH, seeks healthy men ages 56 to 73 and women ages 51 to 59 to participate in a functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) study on the visual processing of faces. Participants must be right-handed and currently married. Volunteers should have no history of medical or psychiatric disorders and should not be taking prescription medications, with the exception of hormone replacement therapy (estrogen and/or progesterone), thyroid medication, and medications for high blood pressure (diuretics or ACE inhibitors). Volunteers must have normal vision or wear contacts. Participation requires a 2-hour screening interview, a follow-up visit, and a

3-hour visit for an fMRI scan. Participants will be reimbursed. For more information, call Tara Harrison or Christen Devine at 301-496-8381.

Male Volunteers Wanted

The Behavioral Endocrinology Branch at NIMH is seeking male volunteers aged 18 to 45 to participate in a five-month study investigating the effects of reproductive hormones on brain and behavior. Volunteers must be free of medical illnesses and not be taking any medication on a regular basis. Participants will complete daily rating forms and will be asked to participate in one of several protocols. Payment will be in accordance with the duration of each visit and the type of protocol. For more information, call Linda Simpson-St. Clair at 301-496-9576.

Depressed, Anxious Teens Sought

The Child Psychiatry Branch at NIMH is looking for depressed and anxious teens (ages 14 to 16) to take part in a research study. This is a study of how young people experience emotions and how feeling sad or worried can cause problems. Payment will be provided. For more information, please call Barbara Usher at 301-496-1301.

Healthy Women Needed for Genetic PMS Study

NIMH is seeking healthy women aged 18 to 45 to participate in a genetic study of the interaction of genes, mood, and menstrual cycle. Volunteers must have regular menstrual cycles, be medication free (including birth control pills), be available to participate in a 3- to 4-hour appointment at NIH, and be able to complete three consecutive months of daily mood ratings at home. In addition, participants will be asked for a blood draw. Payment will be provided upon study completion. For more information, call 301-402-6846.

Difficult Teens Sought

The Child Psychiatry Branch at NIMH is looking for difficult teenagers (aged 11 to 16) to take part in a research study. This is a study of how young people experience emotions and how anger and bad moods can cause problems. Payment will be provided. For more information, please call Barbara Usher at 301-496-1301.

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The Patient Recruitment and Public Liaison Office (PRPL) is a service of NIH's Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center (CC) in Bethesda, Maryland. PRPL staff members assist patients, their families, physicians, and healthy volunteers by providing information about participating in research conducted at the CC. NIH offers all study-related evaluation, testing, and treatment at no charge to the participant. There are nearly 1,000 studies available to patients and healthy volunteers. They cover a wide range of common and rare diseases and conditions.

Below are some of the studies for which the PRPL currently is recruiting. For information about these or other CC studies, visit the CC Web site at <http://www.cc.nih.gov> (Click on "Clinical Research Studies"), or call the PRPL at the toll-free number listed above:

■ **Endometriosis.** The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development invites women with pelvic pain associated with endometriosis to take part in a study of a potential new treatment.

■ **Jaw Pain/TMD.** The National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research seeks people ages 18 to 65 with early onset or later stage Temporomandibular Disorders (TMD) for study testing treatment medications against placebo.

■ **Psoriasis.** National Cancer Institute researchers seek people with psoriasis for study of a potential new treatment.

■ **Shingles.** The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases seeks healthy volunteers aged 60 and older who have never had shingles for a study to determine whether an enhanced version of the chickenpox vaccine can prevent shingles. Study participants need to make one outpatient

visit to the NIH Clinical Center and monthly phone calls via a toll-free number for up to five years.

■ **Sjögren's Syndrome.** NIH researchers seek adults aged 18 or older who have been diagnosed with Sjögren's syndrome to take part in studies of a potential new treatment.

■ **Teen Obesity.** Parents: Is your teenager overweight? Overweight teens are at risk for developing serious medical conditions during their teen years and as adults. NIH doctors are enrolling

teens, aged 12 to 17, in a research study of a new weight loss medication. The Food and Drug Administration has approved the drug Orlistat for use by overweight adults. There is no charge for study tests, exams, medication, and weight-control education.

■ **Uveitis.** The National Eye Institute seeks adults and children with uveitis for research studies to help find ways to improve diagnosis and treatment. The studies take place at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD. NIH patients receive study-related eye exams, testing, and care at no charge.

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